

LOCAL MENTION.

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Asking Questions

"Go, get a pail of water, kid," said Jeremiah Jink; for, weary by the work he did, he longed to have a drink. The kid, John James, he just had hired, to do the daily chores; to see the furnace was kept fired, and head off noisome bore. "Oh, shall I get it at the well," said he, "or at the spring, or at the creek in yonder dell, where cheerful bullfrogs sing? Or shall I tap the hydrant's flow, or seek some quiet drain, or shall I to the cistern go, the moisture to obtain? And shall I take the twelve-quart pail, or yonder china urn, to bring this jag of Adam's ale, for which you seem to yearn? Oh, had I better take the lift, or down the stairway go? Before I on this journey drift, these things I'd like to know." "You take your bonnet," said the boss, "and kindly fade away; that youth will never come across you questions ask all day. When you are told to do a thing, you shouldn't scratch your dome, and ask conundrums—you should spring to fetch the bacon home. The lad who would to honor rise, and travel with the best, must use his brain and hands and eyes, and give his tongue a rest."

WALT MASON.

SENATOR WEEKS URGES ONE-CENT LETTER RATE

Believes Discrimination Against Great Majority of Mail Users Should Be Removed.

Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts said today that the American people have just light to expect Congress to consider enacting a law creating general one-cent letter postage in this country.

"In expressing myself on the subject of a cheaper letter rate," Senator Weeks said, "I will not overlook the conditions of the postal finances at the present time. Under no circumstances would I be in favor of creating a larger deficit in order to reduce the rate on any one class of mail. But in considering the subject from every angle there is reason to believe that the rank and file of our country are not getting what is due them in the way of postal rates, which, as they have existed and do now exist, are not at all equitable. Too much discrimination has existed in the law favoring one class over another.

Equalized Mail Charges.

"While chairman of the postal committee in the House I had ample opportunity to study the conditions when the one-cent letter proposition is to be taken up it should be done with the idea of making all classes of mail pay as nearly as possible what it really costs the government to handle it. I know that some publishers are repining to pay more for every article of the prospect of an increase in the second-class rate, but I have talked with some of the largest, periodical publishers and they inform me that as a private business they oppose an increase in the second-class rate if there was any disposition to place the first-class rate on a business basis. In some respects they perhaps have reason to feel that the department is not being run as economically as a private business. But in any case there is no reason why the first-class mail should be increased to pay more for the care of this condition than those who get the benefit of the second, third or fourth classes.

Big Profit on Letters.

"The government is making a large profit from first-class mail, just how much it is hard to say, but it must be nearly one cent for every two cents each stamp placed on a letter. And the profit derived on drop letters or letters for delivery in the same city or town in which they are mailed must be even greater. In view of this condition, I believe that Congress should take up the matter of more equitably adjusting the rates of postage.

"It will be a difficult undertaking," concluded Senator Weeks, "but the American people have a just right to expect that such early action be taken giving the general users of the mails one-cent letter postage."

F. P. Weller's Southeast Pharmacy.

at corner of 8th and Eye sts., is a new Star Want Ad branch. Rent Rooms, Sale Miscellaneous, Help and Situations Wanted, Lost and Found and other cent-a-word advertisements may be left there for insertion in The Star.

TABLEAUX FEATURE PROGRAM

German-American Ladies Aid Society Entertains.

The entertainment of the German-American Ladies Aid Society, given in Suenberg Hall last night for the benefit of the widows of German soldiers, was featured by tableaux representing Germania protecting the northern nations and Germania triumphant. After the tableaux there were several instrumental and vocal numbers.

The following took part: Joseph Bass, Mrs. Jennie Mason Lind, Mrs. Anita Schade, Mrs. W. H. Von, Mrs. E. Frank Gebest, Miss Ethel Noble Johnson, Paul Schwarz, Capt. John S. M. Zimmerman and Martin Wisnand, Jr. The prologues of the tableaux were written by J. H. Hennen.

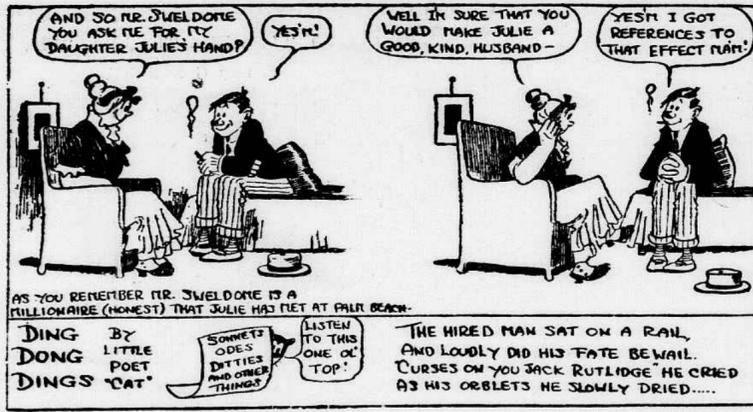
The cast for the tableaux included J. H. Hennen, Miss Minnie Schuerer, Miss Louise Schuerer, Miss Dorothea Lassmann, Miss Eva Lutzbach, Mrs. Barbara Wisnand, Miss Agnes Benedict, Miss Matilda Redeker, Alina Simon, Edna Simon, Elza Schwarz, Miss Minnie Kirschbaum, Miss Agnes Benedict, Miss Nora Schwarz and Miss Valerie Lutzbach.

TELLS OF HIS FAITH.

J. D. Bradley, Head of Secular League, Speaks at All Souls' Church.

"Faith of a Secularist" was the subject for an address made last night by J. D. Bradley, president of the Secular League of Washington, before the Liberal Religious Union of All Souls' Church in the chapel of the church, 14th and L streets northwest. "Secularism, concerning itself with this world, does not deny a future," said Mr. Bradley, "but we hold that if there be such a future, the best preparation for it is in the knowledge that one has led a good life on earth."

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—And Clarice Fainted, Yes'ee.



RARE BOTANIC GARDEN PLANTS ARE MUTILATED

Vandalism May Deprive Public of Sunday Visiting Privilege—Delectives to Guard.

Vandalism by Sunday visitors at the Botanic Garden will be in bloom if the privilege recently extended by Supt. George W. Hess. On each of the four Sundays that Mr. Hess has kept the greenhouses open for sightseers some of the rare and valuable plants have been mutilated by persons who apparently fail to realize their value, and the fact that they cannot be grown from such sprigs or branches as are being broken off. One of the best specimens of the "Bird of Paradise" plant, one of the principal attractions in the main conservatory, was thus mutilated yesterday. The best bloom on this plant was broken off and an attempt made to dig up a part of the roots.

Supt. Hess is going to have plain clothes men on duty hereafter during the visiting hours and a close watch will be kept to prevent further wanton destruction of the rare plants, some of which are to be found nowhere else in the United States.

"Nun Plant" Soon to Bloom.

Probably by Sunday one of the prettiest of the freak flowering plants at the Botanic Garden will be in bloom. This is known as the "nun plant," the bloom bearing a close resemblance to a nun, with dark eyes, red lips and a white cap, encased in a shell-like covering.

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The Fete of Flowers.

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WANTS PROVISION MADE FOR WORLD CIVIC BODIES

Mrs. Dimock Argues for Completion of Fund for George Washington Memorial Building.

The unsettled condition of Europe which probably will follow the great war now in progress is advanced by Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, president of the George Washington Memorial Association, as a reason why Americans should contribute toward the fund to erect a George Washington Memorial building in this city. In speaking of the movement to build a great memorial to the first President of the land in this city in the form of a convention hall Mrs. Dimock today said that suitable provision should be made here to house the great international congresses which have been meeting in European capitals heretofore.

No Available Places in Europe.

"It is not likely that any congresses of scientific or learned bodies are going to meet in Berlin, Paris or London for many years to come," said Mrs. Dimock. "And so they will be inclined toward Washington. And the shame of it is that there is no suitable convention hall. So, instead of looking on the war as an excuse for not supporting this patriotic work with enthusiasm we ought to look on the war as a great reason why the George Washington Memorial should be brought to speedy conclusion."

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JAPAN IN FIVE DECADES LEARNS 800-YEAR LESSON

Dr. Wood, in Sermon, Points to Europe's Slow Progress and Nippon's Rapid Advancement.

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Altruism Amazes Them.

"They know all about what we have done in Cuba and what we are trying to do in Porto Rico and in the Philippines. This would be American altruism amazes them, but they appreciate it nevertheless, even theoretically. They will only attempt, timidly at first, to make any use of it, for they have many good examples, among our western nations, of the contempt for intangible forces.

"How can we expect a people only half Christian, even theoretically, to be more Christian than Europeans who have professed Christianity for centuries? Had Japan been in an alliance with America she would not have been drawn into the European conflict and would face a less troubled future. Had she followed American ideals she might possibly have had less territory assigned to her by the Boxer uprising as were the Chinese themselves."

Roland Wallace's Newsstand.

228 1/2 St. N.W. is a Star Want Ad branch, where the penny-a-day household wants are forwarded to The Star for your convenience.

FOR PARK PURPOSES.

As a result of condemnation proceedings the United States government has acquired a number of lots in square 5463 on the east side of Anacostia river between Pennsylvania avenue and Navy street for park purposes in connection with the project for the reclamation of the Anacostia river and flats from the Anacostia bridge to the District line, near Bladensburg. The parcels for the land taken aggregated \$24,227, being at an average rate of 15 cents a square foot. The principal awards for lots are as follows: The German Realty Company, \$1,184; Margaret A. Hatch, \$219; George J. Bradbury, \$4,750; Otto W. Hammond, \$2,912; Thomas Kelly, \$3,203; Harry E. and Elizabeth S. Gladwin, \$1,531; M. I. Weller, \$1,754, and Albert Garry, \$2,111.

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